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SETTING UP OF BIO-AGENT LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Bio-agent Laboratories set up in the country especially in Jharkhand in the last two years, till date;

(b) the number of requests received from the State Governments including Jharkhand for setting up of Bio-agent Laboratories; and

(c) the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): During VIII Five Year Plan, 30 State Biocontrol Laboratories were sanctioned for beingset up in 26 States and for Union Territories including one at Patna in Bihar. Most of these Laboratories have been completed during VIII and IX PlansNo new Bio-control Laboratories has been set up in the last two years.

(b): Two Requests have been received from State Governments of Uttar Pradesh andKarnataka for setting up of bio-agent laboratories during the last two years. However, no request from Jharkhand State has been received.

(c): Government of India`s policy is to encourage the use of bio-pesticides and bio-controlagents and Union Government is implementing a scheme for giving grants-in-aid to states for setting up/strengthening the bio-control laboratories under the Integrated Pest Management programme of Government of India.